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On Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2019, the Palau Visitors Authority (PVA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ngchesar State Government to formally start the Alii Pass program between PVA and Ngchesar State.

Alii Pass program, formerly known as the One Stop Shop program, aims to enhance the State's attractions such as the Mesekelat Reserve and waterfalls by incorporating eco-friendly activities such as camping, hiking and mountain biking trails, improving the trails with signage for the various plants, trees and markers within the trails.

Aside from these, the path to the waterfalls will be improved to allow more accessibility to the serene nature that is found in the waterfalls. With all these enhancements and more, the objective of the Alii Pass program is to drive tourism to Ngchesar State; to create a venue where the State Government and the community members directly benefit from tourism. Ngchesar State is the third state to officially sign on to the Alii Pass program; the first two states were Airai State and Ngarchelog State respectively.

Present at the signing of the MOU- PVA Board of Directors Chairman, Mr. Ngiraibelas Tmetuchl, PVA Managing Director, Ms. Stephanie Nakamura, Operations and Programs Director, Mr. Kadoi Ruluked, PVA Board Secretary, Ms. Norma Adelbai.

Ngchesar State- Governor Florencio Adelbai, PAN Coordinator, Mr. Verano Ngiraikelau, Procurement Officer, Mr. Chubby Mai, State Office Treasurer, Ms.Eunice Ngotel, Tourism Representative, Ms. Christa Eldebechel and Public Works Supervisor, Mr. Francis Ngotel.

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